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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Water Rescue in Charleston Harbor

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Charleston, SC (May 27, 2014): On Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 11:41 PM, the City of Charleston Fire Department and Sullivan's Island Fire-Rescue were requested to assist the US Coast Guard Sector Charleston with a sinking shrimp vessel. The vessel ran aground near the south jetties in Charleston harbor. The City of Charleston Fire Department fireboat, the Louis Behrens, responded to the distress call and arrived just after midnight to find a 68-foot shrimping vessel approximately 75 percent submerged and three occupants still on board.

Fire department personnel removed the three occupants from the shrimping vessel and transferred them to the fireboat. US Coast Guard Sector Charleston arrived on scene and assisted with the sinking vessel.

"We are very proud of the crew of the Louis Behrens on a successful rescue mission," said Deputy Chief John Tippet, "the extensive hours of nighttime training operations were utilized for an outstanding outcome with assistance from the US Coast Guard Sector Charleston." The three occupants were taken to Wando Shrimp Company on Shem Creek where they denied medical attention.



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